

And that is why thousands of persons took to the streets last Saturday in peaceful protest to demand that the President of the United States do what every President since Gerald Ford in 1976 has done.

And that is to release his tax returns while in office.

Trump is the first President since Watergate to refuse to release his tax information to the public.

Full release of Trump's tax returns will provide the public with clear information as to his potential conflicts of interest and entanglements with foreign governments and businesses.

A recent Washington Post-ABC News poll found that 74 percent of Americans, including 53 percent of Republicans, believe Trump should release his tax returns.

All roads lead back to the President's tax returns, and the light they can shine on his actions.

As chief steward of America's extensive domestic, global, and national security interests, the fidelity of the President of the United States to the national interest must never be subject to question or doubt.

Trump's extensive financial interests in more than 100 companies operating in more than 18 countries and on five continents potentially represent major conflicts of interest between his personal financial interests and the national interests of the American people.

A preliminary analysis of Trump's extensive financial arrangements reveals dozens of potential conflicts of interest.

For example, Trump has received more than \$10 million from his interest in the Trump Towers Istanbul in Turkey, a country with which the United States has extensive, complicated, and politically sensitive military and diplomatic relations.

Since August 2015, Trump's business organizations have registered eight separate companies connected to hotel deals in Saudi Arabia, which is located in one of the world's most critical geopolitical regions.

Based on the limited and inadequate financial disclosures he has made to date, it appears that Trump's business organization is financially dependent upon, and obligated to, Deutsche Bank, its biggest lender, which happens to be negotiating a multibillion-dollar settlement over housing-crisis-era abuses with the Justice Department, a deal that will be finalized with Justice Department officials appointed by Trump.

Companies owned or controlled by Trump's organization also owe hundreds of millions of dollars to the state-owned Bank of China and to Wall Street interests.

The American people are entitled to assume without hesitation or doubt that when the President of the United States meets with foreign leaders and dignitaries that he is motivated only by what is in the national interest and not the private, pecuniary interests of himself, his family members, or his business enterprises.

That assurance cannot be provided when the President of the United States has enormous financial stakes in the enterprises operating in those same foreign countries and refuses to release his tax returns for examination by the public.

It is for this reason—to ensure that the President's loyalty will always be to the nation he leads—that the Framers included the

Emoluments Clause in Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution, which provides that: 'no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.'

According to leading experts in ethics, a prohibited emolument would include, for example, anything from a foreign government that benefits Trump, such as providing favorable tax, zoning, licensing treatment for his real estate holdings or enhanced security to protect his business operations.

The financial interests of Trump are extensive, complex, and inter-connected with the interests of foreign leaders and countries.

They are all-encompassing and time-consuming.

But they pale in comparison to the global, diplomatic, economic, and national security interests of the United States, which supersede the interests of any one person or corporation.

As the Scriptures teach, you cannot serve two masters.

And that is why, Mr. Speaker, I believe the President must make a choice, either he should:

1. release his tax returns and divest all of his financial interests; or
2. relinquish the office he holds due to his inability to 'take care that the Laws be faithfully executed' and 'to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.'

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD BERNSTEIN FOR RECEIVING THE JOHN DINGELL OUTSTANDING PUBLIC OFFICIAL AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Bernstein for receiving the John Dingell Outstanding Public Official Award at the 2017 Governor's Fitness Awards Banquet. Mr. Bernstein has had an outstanding legal career and served as a justice on the Michigan Supreme Court with distinction.

After earning a law degree from Northwestern University in 1999, Mr. Bernstein joined the Law Offices of Sam Bernstein, where his work focused on defending the rights of the disabled. In addition to his work in ensuring that public facilities in Michigan are accessible by disabled individuals in accordance with federal law, Mr. Bernstein has also served as an advocate for disabled rights internationally through visits and lectures in various countries, including Australia, Ecuador and Israel. Mr. Bernstein has also compiled a distinguished career in public service. In addition to currently serving an 8-year term on the Michigan Supreme Court, Bernstein has previously been elected to the Wayne State University Board of Governors in 2002 and serving as its chair from 2009 to 2010.

Mr. Bernstein has fought tirelessly on behalf of Michigan residents and those with disabilities. During his time in private practice, Mr. Bernstein helped represent the Paralyzed Veterans of America in a case that resulted in improved accessibility to the University of Michigan's athletic facilities. In addition, his advo-

cacy and effort have resulted in improved accessibility for disabled fliers at Detroit Metro Airport. For these accomplishments, Mr. Bernstein has received numerous awards, including the University of Michigan's James T. Neubacher Award for his work to ensure equal rights for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Bernstein's record of outstanding public service and advocacy on behalf of Michigan residents is more than deserving of this prestigious award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Richard Bernstein and his record of achievement. Mr. Bernstein's professional record and public service have benefited Michigan and are worthy of commendation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BILL GASKIN

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Bill Gaskin of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who for the past forty years has committed his life to growing manufacturing in Northeast Ohio and around the country. Having worked at the Precision Metalforming Association, based in Independence, Ohio, since 1977, Bill has spent the past seventeen years as its President, and helped guide the metalworking industry through some perilous times and lately, through significant growth. Manufacturing is the backbone of our economy, not just in Ohio but throughout the country. Businesses like those in my district are providing family-sustaining careers to more than 12 million Americans now working in manufacturing. Upon his retirement this year, Bill will leave the metalworking industry in much stronger shape than when he first became involved forty years ago. The industry is more vibrant than ever, in part due to the efforts of Bill and others who have committed themselves to strengthening manufacturing in America. I hope that Bill's dedication will serve as an example to future generations of manufacturing leaders.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CLUB

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Dominion Woman's Club (DWC) in Virginia's 10th District. The DWC is a member and volunteer organization that focuses on enhancing our community and advocating for important issues—such as performing arts, education, leadership, hospitality, and conservation—through volunteer service in both Prince William and Fauquier Counties.

The DWC was founded in 2007 under the guidance of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia (GFWC-VA). The GFWC-VA, founded in 1890, focuses on promoting culture and education, increasing domestic abuse awareness, and also establishing smaller, local clubs across Virginia. The